

Portfolio Holder Executive Decision Statement

The Local Authority (Executive Arrangements)(Meetings and Access to Information)(England) Regulations 2012

Subject: Local housing needs survey for Chiddingstone Parish

Details of Decision taken:

To fund the commission of a local housing needs survey for Chiddingstone Parish.

Reason for Decision:

On an annual basis, the District Council contributes to the cost of providing a rural housing enabler service via Action With Communities in Rural Kent (AWCIRK). Through its contribution, the District Council may commission one local housing needs survey each year. In 2015/16, a survey has been carried out in Fawkham Parish. If additional surveys are required, these entail an additional cost.

Chiddingstone Parish Council wish to assess local housing needs within their Parish and would support a survey of the Parish. A survey was previously carried out in March 2005, but this is now out of date. AWCIRK have advised the additional cost to the District Council for carrying out the survey will be £800.

Under planning policy SP3, the Affordable Housing Supplementary Planning Document sets out five themes (housing pots) where planning contributions may be used. Housing Pot 5 is for *supporting the development of rural exception sites*. Sufficient planning contributions have been received should the District Council decide to fund the £800 additional cost.

All Documents considered:

None.

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Details of any alternative options considered and rejected by the Member when making the Decision:	
None.	
Financial implications :	
None	
Legal Implications and Risk Assessment Statement:	
None	
Equality Impacts	
None.	
Local Member (s), other Portfolio Holders and/or Directors/Heads of Service Consulted	
None	
Details of any conflicts of interest	
a) declared by any executive member who is consulted by the Decision Taker	
b) and any details of dispensations granted by the Chief Executive in respect of any declared conflict	
Decision taken by:	Portfolio Holder for Housing & Health
Signed by Portfolio Holder	[Redacted]
Decision taken by:	Portfolio Holder for Planning
Signed by Portfolio Holder	[Redacted]
Date of Decision	21/9/15
Record made by:	George Lewis
Date of record:	21 September 2015

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